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IMBALANCE IN TEXT BOOKS OF NCERT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is a strong regional imbalance in the history text books produced by the NCERT;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that the History of North East India has been ignored in ancient and medieval times;

(c) whether even such an important contribution of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi in the integration of Assam into India, despite Jinnah's machinations is not mentioned; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(A) to (d): National Council for Educational Research &Training (NCERT) is an autonomous body.They have an independent academic system of writing school text books. However, State Governments and State Boardsof school education are free to adopt/adapt the text books according to their requirements. As per the report received from NCERT during the review of theprevious books it was found that there was less information about the history of north eastern India in some of the History books. It was also noted that there was no mention of the contribution of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi. It is being ensured that in the new school books that are being prepared such regional imbalances do not re-occur.